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(57) An improved network management system and novel management solutions are provided for OSI Layer-3 data network managed entities such as data transport paths and routers are provided. The management solution provides for a concise and progressively detailed presentation of connectivity information related to OSI Layer-3 data network entities to expose OSI Layer-

2 and -1 provisioning equipment. Methods are provided for zeroing onto failed equipment using the progressively detailed presentation of connectivity information. Methods are further provided for interaction with OSI Layer-3 managed data transport entities to specify operating parameters. The advantages derived include an improved efficiency in the management, and troubleshooting thereof.

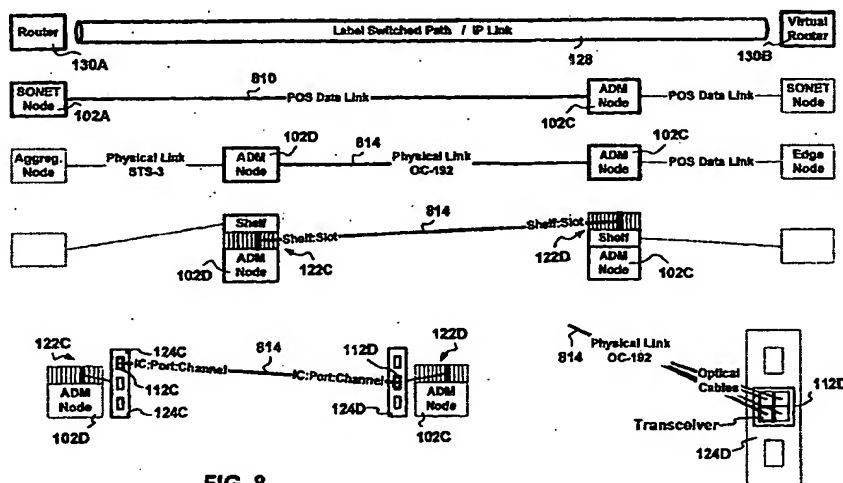


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